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Letter dated 18 February 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

The Nordic countries deplore the statement made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic in exercising her right of reply in the meeting of the Commission on Friday, 8 February 1991, in which she at least indirectly made approving references to false and groundless allegations against Jews and their religion.

It is the firm conviction of the Nordic countries that all incitements to racial and religious prejudice and hatred should be vigorously condemned. Indeed, one of the main objectives of the work of the Commission on Human Rights is to promote religious, racial and political tolerance. This makes it all the more regrettable when the Commission is used as a forum to make statements in contradiction of this important objective.

The Nordic countries would be grateful if you could arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the Commission under item 16 of the agenda.

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